

schools which are not primarily tax-supported. The budget also carried a nominal appropriation for research into the causes of malpractice actions and suggested that additional research into public relations be undertaken.

Of prime interest in the elections was the choice of a new President-Elect, for which post the House unanimously picked Dr. Frank A. MacDonald of Sacramento. Dr. MacDonald is a former member of the C.M.A. Council and a former member of the Board of Trustees of California Physicians' Service. Thus he brings to his new post a wealth of background and experience.

Dr. James C. Doyle was reelected Speaker of the House of Delegates and Dr. J. Norman O'Neill of Los Angeles was named Vice-Speaker. For members of the Council, the House selected seven incumbents to succeed themselves. Thus Drs. Omer W. Wheeler, Robert O. Pearman, Samuel R. Sherman, Ralph C. Teall, Donald C. Harrington, Arthur A. Kirchner

and T. Eric Reynolds will serve additional three-year terms.

A new office, that of an additional delegate to the A.M.A., was filled with the election of Dr. Cyril J. Attwood of Oakland, with Dr. Arlo A. Morrison of Ventura serving as his alternate. Dr. John E. Vaughan of Bakersfield was also named as an alternate delegate to the A.M.A., to fill an open office, and Dr. Hartzell H. Ray of San Mateo was similarly elected.

For the 1957 Annual Session, the Council again selected the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, as the place and the dates April 28 to May 1 as the time.

Thus the Association embarks on its second century on the heels of a meeting which drew 4,550 registrants and which was considered highly successful by all. It was obvious that both the science and the business of medicine were well represented and well nourished by this annual session.

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## Sidney J. Shipman—A Tribute

MEDICAL ORGANIZATIONS traditionally meet each year and, among other things, elect a titular head. In the California Medical Association this is the President-Elect.

Also in the tradition is the immediate preparation of a biography of this new officer, whose capabilities are spread before the membership as an introduction to the new chief. Thereafter the President-Elect—who in his next year becomes the President—may easily become the forgotten man, the one who holds the title while the governing bodies of the organization take over full responsibility for guiding the group's policies and activities.

Periodically, however, a man so outstanding comes along that his influence and his contribution to the advancement of the principles of medicine are felt throughout the entire profession. Sidney J. Shipman, just retired as President of the C.M.A., has proved himself to be such a man.

Sid Shipman came onto the Council of the C.M.A. in 1944 after a distinguished record in the San Francisco Medical Society and an equally outstanding career as a guiding member (and later president) of the National Tuberculosis Association. His influence on the Council was soon felt and his sage thought processes advanced him to Chairman of that body in 1949. Five years later he was chosen President-Elect and for the past two years has carried on the arduous duties of office without regard to the sacrifices involved. During this period he has traveled to all parts of the state

and has discussed with local medical leaders the local, state and national problems of medicine.

Throughout his official service in the C.M.A., Sid Shipman has consistently shown the tact, the understanding, the calm approach and the inherent honesty which have elevated him to high places in the other organizations he has served. His integrity has been apparent to all and his sound and dispassionate approach to medical problems has had an effect on others which has been both soothing and efficacious.

The California Medical Association is fortunate in having had Sidney J. Shipman as its leader. It is to be hoped that he will not become the forgotten man but that his talents may continue to be available in a consulting capacity.

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## Every Last Sunday Until 2011

EACH YEAR from now on, anyone wishing to know the date of the opening of the Annual Session of the California Medical Association will have to remember only this: The last Sunday in April, unless that happens to be Easter; when the last Sunday is Easter, the meeting will begin the first Sunday in May.

This rule, adopted by the Council at its most recent meeting, will make long-range planning easier not only for the C.M.A. but also for other organizations that may wish to relate the dates of their meeting to ours or to avoid conflict or overlapping.

By the way, unless something happens to throw the universe out of kilter, the next time Easter will fall on the last Sunday in April is the year 2011.